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### **LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER REPLACEMENT PROJECT BID PERIOD EXTENSION SPECS. 6550; C.P. 70787**

On June 11, 2002, the Board approved the recommended list of prequalified contractors for the LAC+USC Medical Center Replacement Project. The bid period for the construction contract commenced on June 12, 2002, and bids were scheduled to be submitted to the County on August 22, 2002.

During the bid period, Public Works received requests from the prequalified general contractor, McCarthy, Clark, and Hunt, and 12 subcontractors to extend the bid period, because the size of the project has been underestimated by many subcontractors and pricing the project is taking longer than originally planned. In addition, distribution of the construction documents to the contractors is taking longer than anticipated because the printers in Southern California are struggling to keep up with the demand for the large number of documents involved.

We have evaluated this information and believe that it is in the best interest of the County to allow additional time for the contracting community to prepare their bids. If the bidders do not believe that they have thoroughly evaluated the contract documents, they will increase their bids to provide additional contingency and, thereby, drive up the project cost. Accordingly, in consultation with the Chief Administrative Office, I have decided to extend the bid period under delegated authority of the County Code by three weeks until September 12, 2002.

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If you have any questions, please call me or your staff may contact Tom Remillard at (626) 458-4004.

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